

## FAVORITES LOSE IN S. A. C. MILLS

Gene Martinelli Defeats Kid Roth, While Battling Burgess Comes Through With Victory Over Larry Gilbert—Hambone Murphy Stops Jackson—Great Card Throughout.

BY BOB FIGUE.

Favorites fared badly in the regular weekly boxing show at the Southern Athletic club Monday night. Kid Roth, who was the choice to romp home with a victory over Gene Martinelli, came out second best in his bout against the local welterweight, while Battling Burgess, the Arkansas Wildcat, who was second choice in his bout against Larry Gilbert, surprised the wise ones by giving Gilbert a great lacing after eight fierce rounds. Another favorite, Kid Jackson, a dusky lightweight, kissed the canvas after two rounds in front of Hambone Murphy.

The card was one of the best of the entire year. Every bout was ruggedly contested, and each was spilled especially in the last two bouts did the crimson make itself evident. Roth, Gilbert and Burgess all bled profusely.

### A CLOSE DECISION.

When Referee Billy Haack hoisted the blood-soaked mitt of Gene Martinelli at the end of his eight-round mill with Kid Roth, there were many fans in the arena who disagreed with him, and who figured that Roth was entitled to a draw. However, Martinelli had a sufficient shade to entitle him to the verdict, as during the final four rounds of the battle he literally pummeled Roth all over the ring. Roth admitted after the fight that Martinelli had beaten him. "He defeated me fairly and squarely and I have no alibi," said Roth.

Roth made the mistake of trying to batter Martinelli down via his bread basket, when it has been known all along that Gene is strong at this point. Martinelli took all Roth had to offer, at the same time sending over terrific amashes to the jaw that repeatedly rocked Roth.

Roth started well, and had the first four rounds, smashing Martinelli all over the ring, and dealing out considerable punishment. He looked to be an easy winner as the gong sounded to end the fourth session. But in the fifth Martinelli started out to slug his way to a decision. He almost swept Roth of his feet by a fusillade of rights that found their mark on Roth's jaw. Roth fought back doggedly, and took all Gene had to offer, refusing to go down. Martinelli said after the fight that Roth had an iron jaw, or he would have gone down under such a barrage of wallops as he withstood.

In the sixth Martinelli landed a hard right on Roth's jaw, and Roth dropped to his knees, but he was in a second without a cue he goting even started. In the seventh Martinelli opened a large cut over Roth's right eye which bled profusely and partially blinded him. Roth exhibited the same gameness that has made him one of the most popular of local gloversters. He entered the ring seven pounds lighter than Martinelli, and gave Gene the toughest battles of his life. He wants another crack at Martinelli.

## Baseball Traitors May Receive World's Series Kale

Judge Landis Must Decide Whether Or Not Cicotte and Gang Will Be Given Share in 1920 Spoils.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Records of the old national baseball commission have been transferred from Cincinnati to Chicago in preparation for the opening of offices here for Judge Landis as ruler of the major leagues.

By a visit to Cincinnati last week Judge Landis familiarized himself with the working of the old national commission and soon is to begin consideration of baseball problems. One of the first important decisions expected, according to reports, is the division of about \$15,000 among members of the White Sox team which earned second place money in the 1920 race. Strong opposition has arisen in some quarters to the proposal to exclude from shares the seven former White Sox players under indictment for participation in "throwing" the 1919 world series. They played with the 1920 White Sox until the confessions of Eddie Cicotte and Joe Jackson, which led to their definite suspension just before the closing series of the season. Charges were made openly by several of their team mates that the seven were involved in attempts to throw games during the 1920 season but the grand jury indictments took no cognizance of these charges.

**\$15,000 Remains.** Meanwhile, the \$15,000 due the second place team as its share of the 1920 world series receipts remains in the hands of the old national commission, Presidents Heydler and Johnson of the National and American leagues.

The remaining members of the 1920 Sox team have voted to split the sum into 163 shares, making about \$90 apiece and excluding the seven suspended players. This settlement has been opposed on the ground that while indicted, the seven Sox have not been convicted, and some of them deny the charges of crookedness. Arguments before Judge Landis as the supreme arbiter are expected to decide the settlement soon.

### STRANGLER LEWIS THROWS ZBYSKO

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis, of Lexington, Ky., threw Wladek Zbyzsko, of Poland, in a catch-as-catch can wrestling match here last night, with a flying headlock, in one hour, 25 minutes and 45 seconds. Lewis thereby earned the right to meet Joe Stecher, of Dodge, Neb., the world's champion, who last night threw Leon O'Donnell, of France, in 1 minute and 40 seconds with a body scissors and arm hold.

### BOXING BOUTS TO BE STAGED IN BALLROOM

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Prominent society women in New York, headed by Mrs. Vincent Astor, will be patronesses at boxing bouts in the ballroom of a hotel on Dec. 14. It was announced today. The contestants will be members of recently organized clubs of wayward boys.

### 10,000 SEE WRESTLING.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Wrestling vies with boxing as an attraction for sporting enthusiasts in New York city. According to figures announced today 10,000 persons attended the match in the 71st regiment armory last night when Ed (Strangler) Lewis defeated Wladek Zbyzsko.

## CUBS WILL KEEP G. ALEXANDER

Deny Reports That They Will Swap Star Pitcher for Red Players.

(By International News Service.) CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Officials of the Chicago Cubs vigorously denied today that a trade in prospect whereby Grover Alexander, pitcher, Charles Hollocher, shortstop, and a couple of unnamed Cubs were to be traded to Cincinnati for Heinie Groh, Dutch Reuther, Earle Naele and Larry Popf.

"We wouldn't trade Alexander and Hollocher for the whole Cincinnati team," John Seys, secretary of the Cubs, said. It was admitted, however, that several deals are on the fire by which it is hoped to give Johnny Evers, new Cubs manager, a stronger team to pilot than Fred Mitchell, his predecessor, had.

**OLE MISS CANCELS  
MISSISSIPPI GAME**

CLINTON, Miss., Nov. 23.—The annual game between Ole Miss and Mississippi college, played in the past on Thanksgiving day at Jackson, having been canceled by the university. Coach Robinson, of the Clinton eleven, has made arrangements for a game on that day with Spring Hill college, of Mobile. Spring Hill defeated Millsaps of Jackson, 62 to 0, while Mississippi defeated the same team 60 to 9, and on this basis of comparison the game Thanksgiving ought to be a well matched one. Mississippi has one great advantage—Goat Hale, famed broken field runner, who made 259 yards against Tulane and 289 against L. S. U., in addition to crossing the goal line of the University of Alabama, but being called back on account of one of his men holding, is expected to bring home the bacon for the M. C. team.

### EARL PURYEAR WILL MEET CHARLIE BEECHER

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Earl Puryear, bantamweight boxer of Tulsa, Okla., considered a formidable contender for the championship now held by Peter Herman, has been matched with Charlie Beecher, of New York, in a 15-round bout here on Thanksgiving day.

### JOE BURMAN WINS OVER CARL TREMAINE

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—Joe Burman, of Chicago, decisively outpointed Carl Tremaine, of Cleveland, in an eight-round bout here last night. Tremaine was knocked down in the first round.

### TED HANSEN WINS.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 23.—In the field trial at Waynesboro yesterday the first event was won by Scott Hudson's (Atlanta) Ted Hansen; J. K. Otley's (Atlanta) Otley's, second, and Scott Hudson's (Atlanta) Dan Riley, third. These dogs defeated a high-class field of 16 entries, including Comanche Rap and Jersey Jo-Jo, both champions in the members' all-age stake. Ted had a heavy and several singles and handled them perfectly.

## BRINGING UP FATHER—By George McManus

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## Southern League Salary Limit to Be Raised Fifty Per Cent At Coming Fall Meeting Here

Minor League Magnates in Session in Kansas City Decide to Give Club Owners More Leeway in Lining Up Classy Material—Gossip of the Diamond—Comedian Torkelson Here—Perdue Signs Bradley—Ellam to Galveston.

BY BOB FIGUE.

The Southern league salary limit will be raised 50 per cent when the club owners of the Dixie major meet here Dec. 15. Minor league magnates in conclave in Kansas City a couple of weeks ago decided that 1921 will be a banner year for baseball, and that it behooved them to get the best material possible, and as money is required to make the baseball mare go, they decided to raise the salary limit. The Southern league salary limit is \$3,500 at present, and it will likely be raised to \$5,000 at the December gathering here.

The salary limit has been broken so many times in the Southern that it is about time some relief was given. Every year there are club owners who have disregarded the rule, and have gone over the specified limit of \$3,500 in signing ball players.

But with the limit boosted to \$5,000 this condition will be eliminated. There are several other important matters coming up at the December meeting, chief of which is the raising of the salary limit and the election of a president. It is generally conceded that John D. Martin, president executive, will be returned without opposition. His administration has been a success and there's no valid reason for a change at this time.

### ELLAM TO GALVESTON.

Roy Ellam, former manager of the Nashville Volunteers, has passed out of the Sunland major. Roy has transferred his operations to the Texas league where he will manage the Galveston club of the Longhorn organization in 1921. The Galveston officials purchased Ellam's release from the Nashville club in order to have him manage the Pirates, and he is already on the job, having signed several promising youngsters for his club.

Southern league fans regret Ellam's passing, for it may be said in all truthfulness that he was one of the most popular athletes that ever performed in the organization. He was conscientious, absolutely on the level, and although a hard loser, he never stooped to anything that was not on the square.

The Texas league is getting one of the best shortstops the Southern league ever saw, and we wish for Roy and his club a prosperous season, for he deserves all the good things the game has to offer.

Although prohibition is in effect, you can still get a stew in most any restaurant.

Or as the immortal Coleman B. Jones would say: "You tell 'em, Gunga Din, you're a better man than I."

**RED TORKELSON HERE.** Red Torkelson, New Orleans pitcher and Southern league comedian, blew into Memphis Monday.

Red was all dressed up like a circus horse for he is now a movie man. No, he isn't an actor; he's a salesman, selling canned editions of the latest bedroom dramas and others that make you hold onto your seat as you watch the hero and heroine in their various performances.

Red is representing the Robertson-Cole Distributing corporation of New York, and is placing his pictures for Memphis consumption. The Lowm intenses will soon give local film fans the first run of the Robertson-Cole organization.

He is accompanied by Jack Dumestre, one of the company officials.

Red was asked if he intended returning to baseball next season. "I will if the boss will let me," he said. Asked who was the boss, he replied, "Mrs. Torkelson."

Red says he has a good job now, pulling down several hundred dollars each month, and that if the picking is as good next spring as it is this winter, he may pass up baseball for the movies.

Red was in Biloxi, Miss., a week or so ago and played in a ball game. There were several New Orleans players on the team Red played on, and on his first two trips to the plate the red-head fanned. Red admitted that the pitcher had his goat and the fans were razzing him considerably.

"Wait till I see you next time," said Red to the fans. "I'll knock the ball out of the lot."

On his next trip up, the opposing pitcher fed one right down the line, knee high, the kind Red likes. He got under it and guffit it over the left field fence, the first time a ball had ever been hit over the wall. There was a prize of \$100 offered for anyone who could accomplish that feat. Red looked for the hundred, but as yet has not gotten his hands upon it.

The natives were tickled to death when Red hit that one. They believe he was only kidding when he fanned on his first two times up, but as a matter of fact he was swinging in an effort to bust one over with action. Supporters of each team turn out in force, and the day is a banner one in local footballdom. The Thanksgiving day battle will attract the season's largest crowd, and Russellwood park has been secured for it, where the crowd can be taken care of.

Society is planning to turn out in force, and there promises to be a brilliant setting for what should prove a memorable gridiron skirmish.



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